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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Review of Parapsychology Project at  
Stanford Research Institute

1. While reviewing the current parapsychology projects at Stanford Research Institute (SRI), the following exchange of information occurred. Dr. H. Puthoff and Mr. R. Targ reviewed the latest data obtained on I. Swann. Mr. Swann has demonstrated ability to determine the colors of a light switch on in a remote room. At first, he could do so only with a success rate indicating random guessing. He developed to the point where he could "guess" 18 out of 20 in a two color discrimination test. He is currently being tested for his psychokinesis abilities.

2. The increase in scope of the current project to include more testing of Uri Geller was discussed. Everything is proceeding normally and SRI expects to obtain his services when our contract is finalized. ORD's representative, [ ] has indicated that the increase in funding by ORD has been approved.

3. During our discussion it was learned that a theoretically physicist, Dr. E. H. Walker, had visited SRI and presented them with a copy of his latest paper concerned with parapsychological phenomena. The paper purports to be a theory which gives a physical basis for paranormal phenomena. The theory also includes experimental tests which should help to validate its worthiness.

4. The above conversation caused me to remember a relevant article published in Physics Today, a physics trade publication which treated the unresolved areas of quantum mechanics which are used as a basis for Dr. Walker's theory of parapsychological phenomena. A copy of the article was given to Dr. Puthoff and Targ and is included here.

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5. Even though the attached articles are "popular" summaries of Walker's theory and its quantum mechanical foundation, they are difficult reading for those not familiar with quantum mechanics terminology. It is suggested these parts and the associated mathematical description can be finessed with a sacrifice in rigor but not in concepts and general thrust of the logic. It is gratifying to note that serious attempts are being made to understand these phenomena. It is possible that we are now observing and contributing to the development of one of the most significant scientific developments of our time.

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